Promotion of micro-irrigation

925. DR. KARAN SINGH:

SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any. comprehensive scheme for promotion of micro-irrigation, facilities through drip irrigation and sprinkler equipment and adoption of other cost effective methods, including mechanization of agriculture through cooperatives, to boost agricultural produce, has been under consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken to implement the same indicating the steps to harness State Panchayat and local resources, talent and leadership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Promotion of micro-irrigation facilities through drip irrigation, sprinkler equipment is undertaken under the comprehensive macro-management scheme which allows the State Governments to formulate work plan proposals as per their requirments and also under the Intensive Cotton Development Programme (Technology Mission on Cotton and Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses). Subsidy is being provided to farmers on purchase of various types of agriculture implements/machines. In case of tractors, subsidy is provided up to 30 Power Take Off (PTO) HP and the subsidy is also available to Registered Cooperative Societies. Multipurpose Agricultural Farming Societies and Agricultural Credit Societies. These schemes arc being implemented through State Government Departments of Agriculture and Horticulture.

Marketing yards and godowns for farmers

926. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether any proposal for setting up marketing yards and Government godowns for providing additional storage and marketing facilities to farmers have been submitted by Governments of different States, if so, the details thereof;